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000 *Page* 86. Col. E. Clementi Smith, who commanded the detachment of troops which was sent to Bastar at the time of the 1910 rebellion, writes to me that in those days the Marias made arrow-heads of bone and porcupine quills as well as of iron. He adds, 'Another thing I remember was the dislike of a guide, when moving along jungle tracks, if one came to a cock's head stuck on a stick—the guide always said "one couldn't go there". The same objection also arose if one came to thin boughs bent over the track and intertwined. I need hardly say that we couldn't stop for these signs and one used to kick them out of the way—I think the guides expected the heavens to fall on us for such desecration. Another thing I remember was that salt was more acceptable as payment than pice. We had a lot of our "enemy" enrolled as porters at one time. They hardly ever deserted. The sepoys liked them and I am always glad to know that we never caused any casualties among them.' For Col. Clementi Smith's account of the Bastar rebellion, see *Man in India*, Vol. XXV, pp. 240-53.

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Page 113, *line* 35. The real taboo is not so much on intercourse inside a house as on a bed. At Komhu I was told by the Hill Marias that 'no woman may sleep on a cot, for the village Pen is in it'. The Bison-horn Marias and even the Raj Gonds have the same rule. A wealthy Gond Zamindar is said to have made a platform of earth for his wife, as he would not allow her a bed.

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Page 135, *line* 14. The Hill Marias do actually avoid their wives (how astonished the Baigas would be at the idea!) from the time when the *kosra* shoots appear until the threshing is over. They control themselves, they told me at Itulnar, 'by tying their cloth very tight'.

462 *Pages* 135-7. Though there is some division of labour between men and women, Bison-horn Maria women are much freer to share the work of men than are the women of many other tribes. They are allowed, for example, to plough—a thing strictly taboo to the Gonds of the Central Provinces. But they must not carry loads on a *kawar*-pole, for if they do Dongar Pen and the Rau will be offended and bring misfortune on them. They may reap a crop, but they must not tie it in bundles or lift it on to their heads with their own hands; a man must do it for them or there may be a scarcity the following year. Women may climb trees, but not near a house; they may fish, but not hunt. They may not winnow, but they can thresh with their feet (there is an illustration of this in *Maria Murder and Suicide*) and may beat out a *mandia* crop with long poles. Men, on the other hand, may not husk rice or clean it in a fan; they should not grind, nor should they carry pitchers